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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

he salient features of agreements signed recently between India and Italy

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI U. V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

The salient features of recent Agreements between India and Italy are as follows:

1. Agreement on Cooperation in Tourism Sector signed in June 2000 aims at

encouraging measures for promoting and increasing exchanges in tourism and at promoting joint ventures in tourism industry between India and Italy.

2. Agreement on Cooperation on Combating Terrorism, Organised Crime and Illicit

Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances signed in January, 1998 aims at enhancing joint efforts in the fight against Terrorism, Organised Crime and Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances.

3. An MOU for promotion of Small and Medium Enterprises was signed in January,

1998. An Agreement was later signed during the visit of the Italian Minister for Foreign Trade (Oct. 2000) for cooperation between the National Small Industries Corporation

(NSIC) under our Ministry of Commerce & Industry and CONFAPI (Italian Confederation of Small and Medium Sized Industries). This Agreement aims at enhancing cooperation between small and medium enterprises of the two countries.